



MISS NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS



NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**T**HE women of the Negro Baptist churches of the United States will make a notable contribution to the cause of education by the establishment of a "National Training School" for women and girls at Washington, D. C.

The school opens October, 1909, with a large number of students. The property, on which a ten-room building is located, is on Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C., one of the most picturesque elevations in the South. It is a six-acre tract, and with the building and equipment is valued at \$13,000.

The institution will be under the management of the Woman's Convention auxiliary to the National (Negro) Baptist Convention, and the announcement says, "Our women own a great educational plant, a thing that no other band of Negro women own anywhere in the world."

The threefold purpose of the school is: (1) To train women to do mission work in this and other lands; (2) to prepare women as teachers of the Word of God in our Sunday-schools; (3) to train women to give better domestic service.

The committee indicates what the school will do for women and girls: "It will develop their spiritual, moral, and intellectual powers; it will train them as home-makers, by developing their esthetic tastes and strengthening their moral fiber, so as to enable them to join hands in making the home life of the race purer and nobler; it will dignify labor and encourage habits of industry by fitting women to give professional service and lift themselves from the common drudgery incident to ignorance. Much stress will be placed upon the development of strong moral character. The Bible will be the standard classic, and no students will be permitted to take training in any department who will not, also, take the Christian Culture Course."

### A Remarkable Young Woman

The president is Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, one of the remarkable young women of the race. She was born in Washington about twenty-five years ago, and is a graduate of the Colored High School. When the women of the Negro Baptist Church organized for mission work, in 1900, Miss Burroughs was elected corresponding secretary. A young woman of brilliant attainments, of great executive ability, of remarkable facility of speech, she impresses her personality upon those associated with her.